

In the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a method for repeat transmission of messages in a centrally controlled communication network including a plurality of terminals and a central station a single message from the central station is transmitted to all terminals of a participating group (broadcast, multi-cast). As soon as a terminal has detected loss of a transmitted message or an error in the transmitted message, it transmits a repeat request for repeat transmission of that message over another communication link, especially a point-to-point communication link. The central station repeats the message transmission of the lost or erroneous message but only until for a predetermined maximum number of repetitions within a predetermined time interval until a maximum number of repetitions has occurred within a predetermined time interval or until a positive acknowledgement of receipt of the previously lost or erroneous message is received.